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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q58571

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Appln. No.: 09/538,475

Group Art Unit: 1722

Confirmation No.: 8142

Examiner: T. Nguyen

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY LOADING POWDER MATERIAL INTO A MOLD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002—the period for response having been extended to January 3, 2003 by an appropriate petition and check filed herewith—please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the title and insert therefor:

APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY LOADING POWDER MATERIAL INTO A MOLD

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 10, delete the fifteenth paragraph and insert therefor:

A1
Fig. 17 is a section view of the apparatus of Fig. 16 taken along line W-W in Fig. 16;

Delete the paragraph bridging pages 22 and 23 and insert therefor:

A2
The movable hopper 150 has a rod 154 having one end connected to the movable hopper 150 on one side (the left-hand side as viewed in Figs. 9 and 10) of the movable hopper 150 and extending parallel to the hopper guide rails 142 (i.e., in the horizontal direction as viewed in